



FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

Welcome

Our mission is to know Christ, serve Him,
and make Him known.

~ Gathering before the Word ~**Welcome**

Eddie Spencer

Lighting of the Candles

Erica Efird

Prelude and Preparation*As the Deer*

Nystrom

Chimes of the Trinity***Call to Worship**

Matthew 11:28-30

Leader: Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

All: Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Hymn of Praise No. 538Holy, Holy, Holy*

NICAEA

Prayer of Adoration*Prayer of Confession**

“Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to You and to one another that we have sinned against You by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole hearts and minds and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved You by wasting Your gifts, and by wandering from Your ways. Forgive us, we pray You, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior.”

Silent Prayers of Confession**Assurance of the Gospel**

I Peter 2:24-25

“He himself bore our sins” in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by His wounds you have been healed.” For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 3:12-14

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

Prayers of the People

~ Proclaiming the Word of God ~

Word with our Children

Roxanne Spencer

Special Music

Wade in the Water
Halle Dunn, soloist

arr. Maria Thompson Corley

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:28 - 13:3

Sermon

“Community”

Eddie Spencer

~ Responding to the Word of God ~

Special Music

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem
Halle Dunn, soloist

Pace/Boyce

*Prayer and Benediction

*Postlude

Creatures

German Tune

*All who are able please stand
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To Our Guests

Welcome! We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning, and hope you find today meaningful and refreshing. Visitors are asked to fill out a Visitor Information Card and place it in the offering plate. Prayer Requests may be noted on the reverse side. The cards are located in the pews, or in the Narthex. Feel free to ask an Usher for assistance.

Children’s Activity Bags are available for children age 3 to grade 5. They include a children’s bulletin related to the Sunday sermon, crayons, and scrap paper. An usher would be happy to bring you one. **A nursery is available for newborns through age 4. It is located on the second floor of the Educational Building.**

UPCOMING EVENTS



MEN OF THE CHURCH are invited to dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, January 13th at 6pm! The menu will consist of steak or chicken, baked potato, salad, and dessert. Rev. Michael Taylor - Pastor of Phaniels Baptist Church in Rockwell, Chaplain for the Rowan County Sheriff's Office, and founder of Shield A Badge with

Prayer - will be our guest speaker. Sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend.

JOY GROUP LUNCHEON

Friday, January 14 at 12:00 p.m.

We will be meet at Johnny's Farmhouse Restaurant (290 Copperfield Blvd. Concord, NC). For more information, contact hosts Danny & Linda Bost at 704-932-5689.



MID-WEEK WINTER ACTIVITIES WILL KICK OFF WITH A BEAN PACKING

PARTY on Wednesday, January 26! The Fellowship Team will provide dinner at 5:45 p.m. on a donation basis. At 6:30 p.m., we will package dry beans for families in need at CCM. All ages are invited to come and serve the Lord!





A CHURCH-WIDE BIBLE STUDY ON THE LORD'S PRAYER IS BEGINNING SOON!

On Wednesday, February 2, the congregation is invited to gather for a Prayer Meeting, as we prepare our hearts and minds to receive what God's word holds for us. Pastor Eddie will begin a sermon series on Jan. 29 and

study groups will meet weekly through March 23. Children and youth will meet on Wednesday evenings, when a Fellowship Meal will be provided (donation basis). Please sign-up in the narthex if you are interested, or see one of our group leaders: Dave Argabrite, Danny Bost, Sandra Boucher-Bessent, Sharon Cranford, Vickie Ellington, Renee Goodnight and Lynn Sechler.

THE NEW YEAR IS A GREAT TIME FOR A NEW CHURCH

DIRECTORY! Work will begin soon, so

please alert the church office of any changes in address, email, or phone number. Also let us know if any information that we have is incorrect!



Directory Update

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please help us keep Prayer Concerns current with weekly updates.
Please email the church or write down
on a prayer card & place in offering plate.

MEMBERS

Opal Hallman- continuing rehab at Liberty Commons

Connie Lisenby- Loss of her brother, Barry Shinn

Lynn and Betty Sechler- loss of Nolan Moss, uncle and brother-in-law

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Alice Derusser (Amy Hamilton's niece) diagnosed with juvenile diabetes

Cindy Fisher (Lucinda's mother) Recovery from a bad fall

Bill Noble- (Amy Hurst's brother-in-law) recovery from heart surgery

Ken Boucher – Home and under Hospice Care

Wade & Mary Nunnery – (parents of Karen Pless) Dementia worse

HOMEBOUND

Richard Roberts- Moved to Crescent Heights in Concord

Peggy Barnhardt - at Morningside

Iris Efird- in her home

Betty Overcash - at Elmcroft in Salisbury

Barbara Wise - Oaks at Hampton, Cummings, Georgia

Loretta Young - at Five Oaks

Cindy Fisher - Mother of Lucinda Stewart (At Transitional Health)

thank you

Thank you so much to all the people who came Christmas Caroling to my home. There were so many smiling faces of all ages. There were familiar faces and new faces. The music was just beautiful! My daughter and I enjoyed it so much! May God Bless each of you!

Love & Blessings,
Barbara Hancock

THIS WEEK@FIRST PRESB

TODAY

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

MONDAY

10:00 a.m. Women's Council in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Missions Team in Session Room
7:00 p.m. Saltshakers via Zoom

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. Moms in Prayer
6:30 p.m. Handbell Practice

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
6:00 p.m. Men's Dinner in Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Advent Tear Down

NEXT SUNDAY

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